able, the country's import of lemon oil, food colours, food dye, mixtures of odoriferous substances and natural edible gums etc. by all the user industries was of the order of about Rs. 1042.53 lakhs in 1983-84.

(c) As separate statistics of the imports by the areated water concentrate manufacturers alone are not maintained, it is not possible to compare the proposed import of Rs. 3.2 crores worth of raw materials by the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation with that of the flavour industry. The proposal of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation is still under the consideration of the Government.

(d) Supplementary licences to actual users for import of raw materials are not being given to manufacturers of areated water.

Policy regarding industrial development of backward areas of Madhya Pradesh

349. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the policy regarding industrial development of backward areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the steps taken by Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in this direction; and

(c) the details of subsidy granted during the last three years for industrial development of these areas of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It is the accepted policy of the Government to encourage the setting up of industries in industrially backward districts/areas of the country including the backward areas of Madhya Pradesh.

36 districts of Madhya Pradesh have been identified as industrially backward eligible to the various incentives/concessions like Central Investment Subsidy, Concessional Finance, Tax concessions, etc. The list of districts as also details of the incentives/concessions are given in the booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas (Central Government and Central Financial Institutions)" updated upto 20th October, 1986; copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) During the last 3 years a sum of Rs. 27.43 crores has been reimbursed to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme. Year-wise break-up is as follows:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Amount
1984-85	5.27
1985-86	12.48
1986-87	9.68
	27.43

An amount of Rs. 2.75 crores has also been made available for development of infrastructure in growth centres in Bhind, Mandla, Jhabua, Dhar, Panna and Rajgarh districts in Madhya Pradesh.

Cheaper justice to weaker sections in Madhya Pradesh

350. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Central Government to provide cheaper justice to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and economically weaker sections of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up special courts to give justice to these people at their door steps;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The Government is engaged in a constant review of the need for judicial reforms as reforms in judicial administration is a continuous process, mainly to provide cheap and speedy justice to the common man. The Government have entrusted the Law Commission with a comprehensive study of the judicial reforms. The Law Commission has already submitted six reports to the Government on Gram Nyayalaya, Tax Court, Indian Judicial Service, Training Institute for judicial Officers, Appointment to subordinate Judiciary and Access to Exclusive Forum for victims of Motor Accidents etc. Decision as to the amendments to the judicial system will be taken after the Government have examined the reports of the Law Commission.

Electronic balloting in elections

351. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce electronic balloting to reduce cost of elections;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Election Commission had recommended the introduction of electronic voting machines in elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies as part of the proposals to improve the present election system. The introduction of the electronic voting machine was expected to ensure better regulation of the pace of voting, quicker declaration of the results and also reduction in the expenditure through elimination or reduction of ballot boxes, ballot papers, polling materials, number of polling personnel, etc. A preliminary decision has been taken by the Government to introduce such a machine; however a final decision will be taken after consultation with the political parties

(c) Does not arise.

Transportation as industry

352. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether transportation by road or sea is considered to be an industry if so, whether the incentives available to industries of backward area art also available to a transport company head office of which is situated in a backward area;

(b) if so, what are the norms for availing of these benefits to a transport company; and

(c) whether the imports of technically advanced equipments like specialised containers etc. which can bring in considerable economy in transport operations is considered unde capital goods import scheme; if s what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Transportation by road or sea has not been